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1. According to recent information [REDACTED], the Communist "Latin American Information Committee" which was previously reported to be supplying an information service to the Latin American Communist Parties from Mexico, may be located in Guatemala. Guatemala's President Arevalo reportedly has offered his personal assistance to Pablo Neruda, Cesar Godoy Urrutia, Crisologo Catia Munoz, Luis Enrique Delano and various Venezuelan and Colombian Communist exiles who allegedly are connected with the Information Office. 25X1X

2. The Latin American Information Office is one of the means available to the Cominform in Europe to disseminate the Communist political line to the Latin American Communists. The Information Office is not considered to be a Latin American Cominform for the following reasons:

- a. There are not delegates to it from all the Latin American countries.
- b. Instructions regarding the local political line to be followed by the different Communist Parties are not issued.
- c. It does not act in a liaison capacity for the Latin American Communist Parties.
- d. It was not established through the common agreement of the Latin American Communist Parties.

3. It has been learned that the anti-Communist Chilean Socialists have attempted to spread in Chile the rumors that a Latin American Cominform has been established under the control of Pablo Neruda and Cesar Godoy Urrutia, Chilean Communists now in Mexico or Guatemala. These rumors apparently have been spread in order to discredit the Communists. 25X1X

4. [REDACTED] there is also established in Mexico the Democratic Chilean Committee, which lists among its members: Lazaro Cardenas, former President of Mexico; Dr. Jose Giral, former Premier of the Republican Spanish Government; and Pablo Neruda. This group reportedly was

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organized under the auspices of Vicente Lombardo Toledano to raise funds for the Chilean political refugees. No information has been received that the Chilean Democratic Committee is the same as the Latin American Information Office.

Field Comment: This report is considered of interest although it is realized that the facts of the subject matter remain obscure. It is believed that the sources of this report are confused and that there is a possibility that three offices of information exist in Latin America:

Chilean Democratic Committee in Mexico. Probably functions on behalf of the Chilean Communist Party only, and is in liaison with other foreign Communist Party groups.

Chilean-Mexican Institute in Mexico. Probably exists in name only for propaganda purposes.

Latin American Information Office. Whereabouts and existence not definitely established to date. It is possible that this information function is carried out by the General Headquarters of CTAL in Mexico City and that the latter receives Cominform type information through the facilities of the WFTU for dissemination to Latin American Communist Parties through the medium of local committees such as the Chilean Democratic Committee.

However, the Chilean Democratic Committee in Mexico may be identical with the Mexican-Chilean Institute which was formed in Mexico on 2 April 1950 with Lazaro Cardenas as honorary president.

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